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Reading matter of a miscellaneous nature, is, however, liberally supplied, that may be perused with interest and advantage. Quips and Quirks give zest to the solid matter, as sauces do to meats, but there is a fund of information in the advertisements that may be seriously considered with profit.

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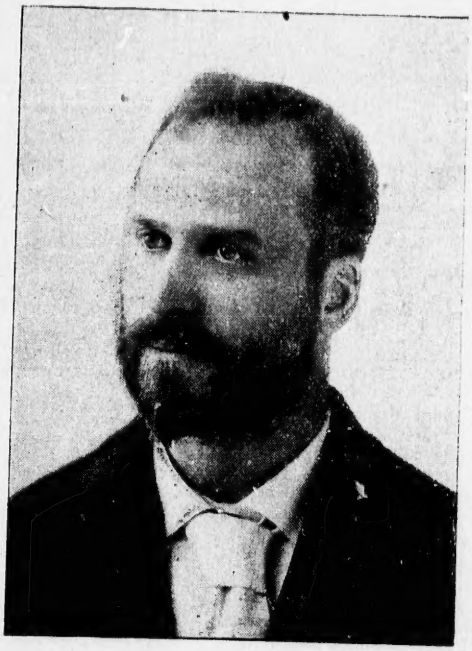

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THE CAST.

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Major LaTour, 2nd Regt. Zouaves,	Arthur Giles
John Smith, a New Yorker—nett,	Charles Charters
Julia Perkins, Jonathan's daughter,	Miss Goldie Edwards
Mrs. Capt. Upton, Jonathan's sister-in-law,	Miss Anna Bodden
Marie Upton, her daughter,	Miss Lydia Knott
Anita, Julia's maid, formerly a model,	Miss May Galyer

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FOND HOPES BLASTED.

Satan—You have a bright future before you you, young man.

New Arrival—Have I, really?

Satan—Yes.

And then Satan opened the door of the fiery furnace and gently pushed him in.

The prince's tutor—"What can your highness tell me about gold?

The prince is silent.

Tutor—"Quite right, your highness. Silence is golden!"—Fliegende Blaetter.

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SYNOPSIS.

ACT I.—Interior Antoinette Inn, Montanvert, Switzerland. An Alpine SUNSET. "GLUE."

ACT II.—(Two weeks supposed to have elapsed.) Jonathan Perkin's Drawing room, Paris. EVENING. "GLUER."

ACT III.—(The following morning.) Same scene as in Act II. "GLUEST."

"Who Saved Your Life?"

Time—Present.

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During the evening, incidental to the stage performance, the ORCHESTRA of the Grand Opera House, under the direction of FRED. L. EVANS, will perform the following selections:

OVERTURE—"Poet and Peasant" ..... *Suppe*
MARCH—"Kameka" ..... *Faust*
ZYLOPHONE SOLO—"Cameo Polka" ..... *Muller*
GALOP—"Salut" ..... *Lumbye*

The above Programme subject to transposition.

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Miss Coygirl—"Jack Softleigh told me last night that I ought to accept him, because he was willing to prove his love for me." Her Friend—"What did you say?" Miss Coygirl—"I said I couldn't see it in that light." Her Friend—"Then what did he say?" Miss Coygirl—"Nothing. He just turned the light out."

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"Um, well, I don t know," he said, "it may, but you can't always tell."

"I can," she said cheerfully. "At least I can generally come pretty close to it. Now, you take that funereal, solemn-looking man that we see on the veranda every night, he looks and acts as if he had lost his last friend and never expected to have another. He is sombre in his dressing, too. His manner shows how seriously he looks at life, and if an observing person can't tell exactly what his business is, she ought to be able to get somewhere near it, anyway."

"What should you think he was?"

"An undertaker, or a tombstone manufacturer, or a divorce lawyer, or probably a heavy tragedian."

"Well, he isn't any one of them."

"Do you know him? What is he?" she asked eagerly.

"He is a professional humorist."

"Dear me, how surprising. Now, I should have thought that might have been your business, but certainly not his. What is your business?"

"Oh, I am an undertaker."—Chicago Times-Herald.

TOMMY'S BREAK.

(From Puck.)

I got fired from Sunday-school
Week before last. I don't care!
Never liked it, anyhow—
Wasn't any fun down there.

Teacher asked who Samson was—
S'pose I made a bad mistake—
But I told her what I thought:
Samson was a bloomin' fake.

Judge—Name? Prisoner—Smith. Judge—Occupation? Prisoner—Locksmith. Judge—Officer, locksmith up.

SHE OUGHT TO.

Tagleigh—That girl dresses out of sight, doesn't she?

Wagleigh—Of course she does. Where would you have her dress?

Flossie—Mamma, tan I have a new dollie?

Mamma—No! Your doll is just as good as new.

Flossie—Well I'se dest as dood as new, but Dod dave 'oo another little dirl.

First horse—"Well, they took poor old Dobbin to the slaughter-house to-day." Second horse—"That's too bad." First horse—"It is bad, but worse remains. They mean to make his hide into bicycle-saddles."

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"But," replied the commission merchant, "I can't agree to contract for your wheat at seventy cents."

"Why not? It's goin' up to a dollar an' you'll make thirty cents a bushel. Ain't that enough?"

"Oh, yes; but you see that seventy cents is only a speculative price. It ain't what they pay for real wheat."

"Don't pay that for real wheat? What in thunder do they pay for, then?"

"Why, for options."

"Well, what the blazes are options?"

"Why, they're promises to get wheat and sell it for such and such a price."

"Well, then, they got to get the wheat, ain't they?"

"No; they sell the promises again, according as the market rises or falls."

"An' don't they buy an' sell any real wheat at all?"

"Not much."

"Just buy an' sell wind at seventy cents a bushel?"

"That's about it."

"Thunder an' Mars, wish I'd knowed that last fall. I wouldn't a-sowed any wheat. I'd tied my grain bags to the back o' my fannin mill an' kept the boy turnin' it all winter, till I'd filled all the bags I could get hold of. But it ain't too late yet. By gosh, if it's wind they want 'stead of wheat, I can supply the market for the hull country right off my farm!"

First citizen (in the near future)—"Who is that they're goin' to string up?" Second citizen—"That's the man that stole Tornado Pete's bicycle."

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For, coming down to beauty, you're in it, "I'll tell you those."

Oh, woman, lovely woman, thy charms are ever great,
Thou dost keep the men all guessing sometimes at a lively rate.
How often hast thou caught them with thy smile so fair to see,
Oh, woman, lovely woman, come, wilt "smile with me?"

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And tell them when they printing want—forget that "there are others."

Then woman, lovely woman, thou hast not lived in vain,
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"Going to take your family abroad, Hicks?" "Yep." "Where do you expect to be in August?" "In bankruptcy."

Wife—"What do you think of Bridget's cooking?" Husband—"I think if she tried to boil water she'd burn it."

She (reproachfully)—"You said you would die for me." He (stiffly)—"I was referring to my whiskers, madam."

"Say, guide, what does that memorial stone commemorate?" "I put it there. It is upon that spot where a tourist once gave me five marks."

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